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**From:** Lee, Monica  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 8:18:39 PM  
**Subject:** RE: several questions // Gold King Mine

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**From:** Harder, Amy [mailto:Amy.Harder@wsj.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:12 PM  
**To:** Lee, Monica  
**Subject:** RE: several questions // Gold King Mine

Well we've sent you these questions first thing yesterday, so our window is nearly shut. The most important question is about the funding. Can you answer that ASAP? i.e., in the next hour?

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**To:** Harder, Amy  
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What's the latest you can accept info? On the first question, about what POTUS is going to do, will have to be answered by the White House. And I can say we don't have cost estimates yet. The other questions are being worked both here at HQ and in the region. I'm hoping to get something soon.

**From:** Harder, Amy [<mailto:Amy.Harder@wsj.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 3:44 PM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz; Lee, Monica  
**Subject:** RE: several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Liz and Monica, any chance you've gotten any more information about the funding yet? It's really important for the story.

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**From:** Purchia, Liz [<mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:46 PM  
**To:** Harder, Amy; Reynolds, Thomas; Harrison, Melissa  
**Cc:** Lee, Monica  
**Subject:** RE: several questions // Gold King Mine

Hey Amy – Sorry for the delay.

Monica Lee, ccd, is working on this and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

**From:** Harder, Amy [<mailto:Amy.Harder@wsj.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 12:21 PM  
**To:** Reynolds, Thomas; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa  
**Subject:** RE: several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa, I'm circling back on this. Our broader story is set to be published later this afternoon. I realize you guys have been swamped, but could you at least shed some light on the funding questions? And/or give us the last decade of data that this EPA website has for 1993-2005?

A response at your earliest convenience would be much appreciated.

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**From:** Harder, Amy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:01 AM  
**To:** 'Reynolds, Thomas'; 'Purchia, Liz'; 'Harrison, Melissa'  
**Subject:** several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa,

Thank you for answering all my questions in the last couple of days. I have a few more questions, not surprisingly. A couple of these I pinged you about yesterday, but I imagine they got lost in the shuffle.

It might be best if you could put us on the phone to talk through some of these questions, though I realize it's an all hands on deck kind of situation right now for you all, so perhaps tomorrow might be better. In any case, would you be able to get back to us on these as soon as you're able? These are questions from me, Dan Frosch in Colorado and Alexandra Berzon based in L.A. We're the main reporters working on this. I can be reached on my cell phone today at 202.906.9629.

Thanks much.

1. Will President Obama declare emergencies in the affected states to open up federal disaster funding?
2. Regarding the hiatus into similar “field investigation work,” approximately how many mines does this affect?
3. Does this hiatus just apply to hardrock mines, or other kinds too?
4. How much has EPA spent on cleaning up abandoned mines since, well, as far back as your data goes?
5. Relatedly, do you have any estimates on costs to plug the rest?
6. How much have you spent approximately on this particular cleanup?

7. We've learned that this particular EPA cleanup project to plug the mines in the Animas watershed, including Gold King & Sunnyside, cost \$1.5 million and began in July. Can you confirm that?

8. The owner of Gold King mine says EPA has not held Sunnyside and Kennross Corp responsible enough for the chronic leakage and this spill. What's your response to that?

Best,

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